Appl. No. 10/518,207 Amdt. Dated 05/04/2006

Reply to Office Action of 04/04/06

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action of April 4, 2006. Claims 1-12 are currently pending. Claim 9 has been amended, and claims 7 and 8 stand withdrawn. Applicant requests further review and reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

Election has been required amongst the following species:

Species I: Figures 2-5; Species II: Figure 9; Species III: Figures 10 and 15; Species IV: Figure 11; and

Species V: Figure 12.

Applicant hereby elects Species I for further prosecution, without traverse. Claims 4, 6, 9, and 11 correspond to the elected species, and claims 1-3, 5, 10, and 12 are generic.

Claim 9 has been amended to correct its dependency from withdrawn claim 7. Applicant submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance. An action on the merits is awaited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or any underpayments which may be required for the above-referenced application to Deposit Account No. 01-0265.

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